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SUBJECT: MBFR: OPTION III: FRG PROPOSED TIMETABLE

1. IN A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR ROTH ON NOVEMBER 20, HE ADVISED THAT THE FRG WAS INTERESTED IN COMPLETING THE DRAFT GUIDANCE AND POSITION PAPERS IN TIME TO PRESENT COMPLETED DOCUMENTS TO THE MINISTERS AT THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL. ROTH SAID HE HAD JUST DISCUSSED THIS POSITION WITH VANWELL WHO AGREED THIS WAS THE WAY TO PROCEED. ROTH DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN HAVING THE GUIDANCE AND POSITION PAPERS READY FOR NAC CONSIDERATION AND THE ACTUAL PLAYING OF OPTION III IN VIENNA. HE SAID THAT ONCE THE GUIDANCE AND POSITION PAPERS ARE FORMALLY PRESENTED TO THE NAC, THE FRG WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE THEM THROUGH THE MECHANISM OF THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL. ROTH ENVISAGES THAT THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED MERELY BY CIRCULATING THE DOCUMENTS TO THE MINISTRIES INVOLVED, WITH THE MINISTRIES REQUIRED TO RAISE OBJECTIONS BY A CERTAIN DATE IF THEY HAVE ANY

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PROBLEMS.

2. ROTH VOICED HIS BELIEF THAT THE PROBLEMS AMONG THE ALLIES IN BRUSSELS ARE MORE TACTICAL THAN SUBSTANTIVE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE US SERIOUSLY CONSIDER CONVENING ANOTHER TRILATERAL MEETING AT THE END OF NOVEMBER TO IRON OUT THE REMAINING PROBLEMS. ROTH CONFESSED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT THE BRITISH HAD IN MIND IN VIEW OF THE POSITIONS THEY HAVE BEEN TAKING RECENTLY AT NATO. ROTH SUGGESTED FURTHER THAT, FOLLOWING A TRILATERAL, EXPERTS FROM CAPITALS WITH NEGOTIATING AUTHORITY COULD ATTEND THE SUCCEEDING SPC MEETINGS TO FINALIZE THE DOCUMENTS
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